



NIGHTHAWK NEWS

The Official Monthly PTA Newsletter Of Northwest Elementary School

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NOVEMBER SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

- **Mon, Nov 1**
Nat'l Family Literacy Day
- **Mon, Nov 1-Mon, Nov 8**
Thanksgiving Food Drive
Students to bring Non-Perishable goods to cafeteria stage
- **Mon, Nov 1-Fri, Nov 12**
Operation Gratitude
Send unopened candy to school, to be sent to deployed troops
- **Fri, Nov 5, 8a**
Patriotic Program
- **Sat, Nov 6**
National Play Outside Day
- **Tues, Nov 9, 5-6p**
Spring Fling Volunteer Meeting (virtual)
Link to follow
- **Tues, Nov 9, 4-8p**
Night Out with Nighthawks:
Red Robin @ Citrus Park
- **Wed, Nov 10**
Yearbook Art Contest Deadline
- **Thurs, Nov 11**
Veterans Day, No School
- **Sat, Nov 13**
World Kindness Day
- **Tues, Nov 16**
Reflections Reception
- **Thurs, Nov 18**
Great American Teach In (Virtual)
Contact school to share about your job or hobby with students by 11/4
- **Thurs, Nov 18 6p**
Turkey Bowl in the Cafeteria
- **Mon, Nov 22-Fri, Nov 26**
Fall Break, No School
- **Mon, Oct 25-Sun Nov 28**
myON Fall Reading Challenge

Northwest PTA Selected for a 2021-2022 National PTA Grant



Northwest PTA has recently been selected to receive the **2021-2022 STEM+Families Propelling Our World** grant, sponsored by *Huntington Ingalls Industries*. NOTE: Only 27% of applications earned grants from the National PTA this year! The Propelling Our World program **demystifies engineering** for students and their families by offering easy and fun design challenges for them to do together. Northwest PTA is working with National PTA in implementing this engineering program to show the application of science and math to solve problems -- something we encounter every day.

Enter Contest to Submit 2021-2022 Yearbook Art

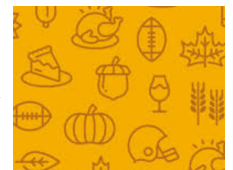
Get your student's markers, colored pencils, and/or crayons out! PTA is hosting a yearbook art contest where a submission from **each grade level** will be published in this school year's edition. Students are to use paper from school and be creative with the school theme "**Where Champions Begin.**"



Provide on Back: Student Name, Teacher, and Grade Level
Deadline: Nov 11 | Contact: NWEPTA.yearbook@gmail.com
Reserve your yearbook (early bird price): <https://northwestpta.org/yearbook>

Strike to Raise Funds at Dad's Club Turkey Bowl

A truly fun fundraiser that is right up the alley for the entire family. Join **Dad's Club** on Thurs Nov 18th in the school cafeteria for an evening of food, drinks, and bowling with frozen turkeys! Volunteers needed to set up and to fire the grill.



Contact: Bill Donish | billdonish@gmail.com.



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Save the Dates

- **Dec 2**
Student of the Month
- **Mon, Dec 13**
-District Adjustment-
FULL Day of School
(no early release)

Spotlight on Northwest Business Partners



Make an Impact.
Join PTA.



Did you Know?

- 92% of funds raised by PTA go directly back to the school.
- PTA donates \$1,500 to the Media Center every year.

Plan for Spring Fling

In lieu of the annual Fall Festival, the PTA plans for a fun, family spring event (tentatively scheduled for early March). **We need you!** If interested in joining the Spring Fling planning committee, please reach out to the Spring Fling Co-Chairs and/or join the Nov 9 call from 5-6pm. Call details to follow.

- Kerrie Weltman | kerrieweltman44@gmail.com
- Annette O'Malley | arr2665@gmail.com

School Drives for Veterans Day and Thanksgiving

Northwest is giving back to the community. Here is how to help.

- **Thanksgiving Food Drive | Nov 1-8**
Have your student bring non-perishable goods to the cafeteria stage (e.g., canned fruits and vegetables, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce)
- **Operation Gratitude | Nov 1-12**
(Unopened) Halloween candy give back to deployed troops, local military units, veterans, and first responders

Hillsborough County School Documents

The Superintendent has shared the **HCPS Family Guide** for 2021-2022 and the **HCPS 5-Year Strategic Plan** which prioritizes: Academic Excellence, Supportive Organizational Culture, Exceptional Talent, Fiscal and Operational Responsibility. See hillsboroughschools.org and the sections for Parents and Superintendent, respectively.

Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) To Be Phasing Out

Florida PTA welcomes the announcement by Gov Ron DeSantis that he, working in conjunction with Education Commissioner Corcoran and the Florida Legislature, intends to phase out administration of the FSA and move toward a system of **progress monitoring** to evaluate student performance. This will give teachers, parents, and students **real-time data** that will guide instruction to meet the needs of each student. PTA members have long held that no single test should solely determine a student's academic or work future. As a stakeholder in the process, PTA will partner to help ensure that Florida's accountability system is complementary to federal ESSA provisions and moreover serves the best interest of Florida's children.